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SUBJECT: US-USSR CONSULAR REVIEW -- SECOND ROUND

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1. DEPARTMENT CONTACT, JUNE 13, WITH INS RE L VISAS AND PETITIONS INDICATED THAT SOVIETS ARE ALREADY GIVEN DE FACTO PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. ALL SOVIET PETITIONS AND REVALIDATION APPLICATIONS ARE CHANNELED THROUGH INS OFFICER WELL KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT AND WHEN RECEIVED PULLED OUT OF CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER FOR PRIORITY PROCESSING. INS OFFICIAL INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE FACILITATION BUT WAS DISTURBED THAT SOVIETS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT
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LENGTH OF PROCESSING TIME FOR L PETITIONS AND VISA REVALIDATIONS SINCE WORK IS OFTEN STOPPED TO HANDLE SOVIET CASES.

2. GIVEN THIS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE A DEAL CAN BE STRUCK WHICH COULD ENSURE MORE EXPEDITIOUS TREATMENT OF L VISA PROCESSING EVEN IF SOVIETS HAD NOT BACKED AWAY FROM THEIR INITIAL PROPOSAL. IF SOVIETS PURSUE

GENERAL LINE, SUGGEST EMBASSY REPLY THAT DEPARTMENT HAS
ALERTED INS TO PROBLEM AND THAT INS IS WILLING TO FACILITATE
PROCESS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BUT IS UNABLE TO GUARANTEE

THAT WORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN A GIVEN TIME BECAUSE
OF ITS ENORMOUS WORKLOAD. CHRISTOPHER

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